

IV. Remarks

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-10 and 12 are pending in the application. Claim 1 is the sole independent claim. Claims 1-10 and 12 are allowed.

Claim 11 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Tozune, et al. Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection for the reasons set forth at page 12 of the June 18, 2003 Amendment. Nevertheless, while specifically traversing the art rejection, and preserving Applicant's right to file a continuation application to pursue the broad but patentable claims, Applicant has cancelled Claim 11 solely to secure immediate allowance of the application.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is believed that this application is now in condition for allowance, and a Notice thereof is respectfully requested.

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